

Minutes of the Bloomington Township Board

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 14, 2016, at 2111 W. Vernal Pike.

Board members present were Barbara McKinney and Kim Alexander. Also present were Trustee Lillian Henegar and Deputy Trustee Lisa Myers. Bloomington Township intern Yuan Li was also in attendance.

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to remove the Chief's report. Barbara moved to accept the agenda as amended. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2016, board meeting as presented. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Barbara moved to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2016, board meeting as presented. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Investment Policy: Lillian stated she has reviewed the current statute and the policy is in compliance. Barbara moved to approve the investment policy. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Secondary Employment Forms: Secondary employment forms for Township staff were reviewed. Barbara moved to approve the secondary employment forms. Kim seconded, motion passed unanimously. The forms were signed by the Board President.

Fire Territory Discussion: Lillian reported that the Township attorney has submitted our response to the public access complaint and we are waiting on a response from the Indiana Public Access Counselor. Lillian explained that the final report and minutes from all public hearings have been distributed to anyone who attended any of the public hearings. Lillian reported we are in the process of updating job descriptions for the office staff and we anticipate hiring a part time accounts clerk to begin work in June. The Township has funds available to create a part time position consisting of 14 hours per week at \$16 per hour. This new position will allow current staff to devote additional time to the creation of the Fire Territory. Lillian reminded the Board that if the Fire Territory is approved, it will be effective on July 1, 2016. There was discussion regarding the formation of the Executive Committee for the Fire Territory.

Mid-term Progress: Lillian asked the Board to think about their goals for this term in Office since we are in the second year of a four year term. What should be our focus going forward?

Lillian reported that members of the South Central Housing Network will be meeting with the mayor to discuss affordable housing and homelessness prevention. Lillian would like to pursue having a bus shelter installed, and begin the creation of a long term plan to address building maintenance issues at the Township office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Trustee: Lillian reported the new tanker is scheduled to be completed during the week of May 16. The former Martha's House has changed the name to A Friends Place. The director, Forrest Gilmore, has asked for a pledge and Lillian would like to contribute \$10,000.

Bloomington Township Intern: Yuan Li distributed his report on his analysis and projections for the Bloomington Township budget. Yuan compared the budgets from 2011 through 2015 and suggested that some lines be decreased to more accurately reflect the spending history. His major recommendations to the Township are to increase its Rainy Day Fund as appropriate and possible, to develop better mechanisms for collecting data to help improve management, and to hire additional staff to help manage the increased workload from the formation of the fire territory. The Board thanked Yuan for his time and efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12.

Vic Kelson, Secretary